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Harnessing the business skills



Theresa May pauses for a selfie with enterprising students at the Nicholsons Centre in Maidenhead. Ref:129364-17



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Langley Academy students Jagbir Virdee and Tharmika Gopalakrishnan with their company Zenitti. Ref:129364-7



Upton Court Grammar students Herai Raval, Shria Malik, Tanvi Madani and Minahal Ahmed with their company Ingenium selling bracelets. Ref:129364-4



The group from Infinity Edits. Ref:129364-1

Maidenhead: Students demonstrate

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'We might have the next Jeff Bezos here' said the president of Maidenhead and District Chamber of Commerce at an enterprise event for students on Saturday.

Olu Odeniyi made the comparison to the Amazon founder, whose company is now worth billions, during the Young Enterprise Challenge organised by Desborough College.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for young people to show their entrepreneurship, our country needs these sort of schemes," added Olu, who was judging the event, which took place at the Nicholsons Centre, for the third time.

"And it's always interesting to see what the young people come up with."

The Prime Minister, Theresa May, was also in attendance and visited every stall, chatting to students about their products and their ideas.

Members of the E-Cycle group from Desborough College said the MP for Maidenhead seemed very impressed with their idea.

They had come up with a

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Young entrepreneurs had the opportunity to sell their wares to the Prime Minister on Saturday. The MP for Maidenhead cast her eye over the new business ideas during the Young Enterprise Challenge.

way to reuse plastic bottles by turning them into plant pots called Botpot.

"She was interested in our up-cycled pots and



of tomorrow's entrepreneurs

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The Prime Minister checks out the products on offer at the Young Enterprise Challenge event. Ref:129364-19

their ventures at enterprise event

asked us what we thought the benefits were", said Jasraj Mahil, 17.

"We want to make the environment a better place," added 17-year-old Rahul Chawla.

A group from Upton Court Grammar had set up Ingenium, to sell hand-made jewelled bracelets.

Another group from Langley Academy had started a website for football themed hoodies called Infinity Edits.

"The website is our main

selling point," said Juneed Kahan, 17.

"We made it ourselves."

Kevin Hunt is the co-chairman of the Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead board of the Young Enterprise charity, which aims to empower young people to harness their business skills. He said: "It's not about making money, it's about learning the steps it takes to be successful."

Organiser Stella Neal, added: "We're really pleased with how it's gone."



Herschel Grammar school students Alaa Fawaz, Zohaib Malik, Aryan Bains, Misbah Asym and Moaad Bouyardan Ref:129364-6



Desborough students Zak Ifsasse, Gursangat Pattar, Jasraj Mahil, Savil Monzac and Rahul Charla with their company E-Cycle. Ref:129364-8



St Bernard's Grammar students Natalia Wilkosz, Michael O'Shea, Olivia Crosby and William Oghene with their company Limitless Fitness. Ref:129364-8



Prime Minsiter Theresa May pays close attention. Ref: 129364-20